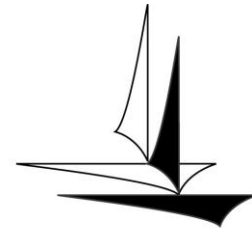


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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Heritage Preservation Commission  
FROM: Brian Schaffer, 612.673.2670  
DATE: April 29, 2014  
RE: National Register of Historic Places Nomination – Cameron Transfer and Storage Building, 756 North Fourth Street

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### **Background**

On March 10, 2014 the Minnesota Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) sent the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission a letter requesting comments on the nomination of the Cameron Transfer & Storage Building to the National Register of Historic Places. The form was prepared by the building owners Kit Richardson and Maureen Michalski of Schafer Richardson and their historic consultant Elizabeth Gales of Hess Roise and Company (Attachment A). The property is located at 756 North Fourth Street.

As a Certified Local government, the Commission is required by federal law to participate in the National Register nomination process as follows:

- Afford the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the nomination;
- Prepare a report as to whether or not the subject property is eligible for National Register listing; and
- Have the chief local elected official (the Mayor) submit this report and his/her recommendation to the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Officer within sixty days of notice from the SHPO.<sup>1</sup>

### **Previous Reviews**

The Cameron Transfer & Storage Building was identified as a historic resource by CPED staff in 2003 for its engineering significance and association with C.A.P. Turner.

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<sup>1</sup> More than a simple comment letter, this report provides the City with significant decision making power in the matter. If both the Commission and the chief local elected official recommend that the subject property not be nominated to the National Register, the SHPO shall take no further action, unless within thirty days of the receipt of such recommendation by the SHPO an appeal is filed with the State. If such an appeal is filed, the State shall follow the procedures for making nomination pursuant to established procedures. Even then, the City's report and recommendations are included with the nomination submitted by the State to the Keeper of the National Register.

## **Nomination Review**

To be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, a property must be significant in a given context and retain its integrity, defined as its ability to communicate that significance.

### *Significance*

The nomination has identified that the Cameron Transfer & Storage Building meets National Register Criteria C, the property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master. The areas of significance are engineering for representing the shift from structures made of wood post-and-beam construction to reinforced-concrete mushroom capital construction. Both structural systems are represented in the Cameron Building which was designed by Claude Allen Porter Turner (C.A.P. Turner). C.A.P. Turner has been recognized as master craftsman for his innovations in concrete and specifically for the mushroom capital structural system. The nomination states that the period of significance is 1909-1911.

The nomination presents the history of the design and development of the building and the company that commissioned its design, the Cameron Storage and Transfer Company. The nomination provides history of C.A.P. Turner and provides context of the change in structural engineering that surrounded the development of the subject property.

### *Integrity*

The nomination provides a thorough description of the property's features and demonstrates that the property retains many of its aspects of integrity.

## **Staff Recommendation**

Schafer Richardson and Hess Roise have prepared a nomination that demonstrates the subject property's significance to the history of Minneapolis. CPED recommends that the Commission **adopt** this CPED report, **approve** the nomination, and **direct** staff to transmit a letter summarizing the report to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

## **Attachments**

- A. National Register of Historic Places Nomination prepared Kit Richardson, Maureen Michalski, and Elizabeth Gales